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January 21, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Don Adolph Mayor, City of La Quinta 78-495 Calle Tampico La Quinta, CA 92253

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.:

09-09-0397P

Community Name: City of La Quinta, CA

Community No.:

060709

William R. Blanton Jr., CFM, Chief

Engineering Management Branch

Mitigation Directorate

Effective Date of

This Revision:

January 21, 2009

Dear Mayor Adolph:

The Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community has been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Please use the enclosed annotated map panel(s) revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding this LOMR. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are included. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination Document. If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer for your community. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7175, or the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

Sincerely,

Joshua A. Smith, CFM, Program Specialist

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Engineering Management Branch

Mitigation Directorate

List of Enclosures:

Letter of Map Revision Determination Document Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map

cc:

Mr. Timothy R. Janasson, P.E.

Director

Public Works

City of La Quinta

Mr. Ed Curtis, P.E., CFM

FEMA Region IX



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LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

	COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST	
COMMUNITY	City of La Quinta Riverside County California	NO PROJECT	MAP UPDATE	
	COMMUNITY NO.: 060709			
IDENTIFIER	La Quinta		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 33.405, -116.180 SOURCE: Other DATUM: NAD 83	
ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES		ANNOTATED	ANNOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES	
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 06065C2241 G DATE: August 28, 200	8 NO REVISION TO THE FLOOD INS	NO REVISION TO THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY REPORT	
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FLOODING SOURCE(S) & REVISED REACH(ES)

La Quinta Evacuation Channel - from approximately 1,000 feet downstream of Eisenhower Drive to just downstream; from the intersection of Eisenhower Drive and Calle Tampico to the intersection of Calle Jacumba and Avenida Nuestra

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is an update to FIRM Panel No. 06065C2241 G for Riverside County, California and Incorporated Areas, which became effective on August 28, 2008. This LOMR updates the effective FIRM by revising the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood, along La Quinta Evacuation Channel, and the areas shown as being protected from the 1-percent-annual-chance or greater flood hazard by a levee system that has been provisionally accredited, thereby superseding the August 28 FIRM for the revision area.

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMR Depot, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

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^{*} FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map; ** FBFM - Flood Boundary and Floodway Map; *** FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges computed in the FIS for your community without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

This revision involves a provisionally accredited levee. Your community is responsible for maintaining and disseminating information, such as the estimated level of protection provided (which may exceed the 1-percent-annual-chance level) and Emergency Action Plan, for the levee system(s) shown as providing protection. To maintain accreditation, the levee owner or community is required to submit the data and documentation necessary to comply with Section 65.10 of the NFIP regulations by August 8, 2009. If the community or owner does not provide the necessary data and documentation or if the data and documentation provided indicate the levee system does not comply with Section 65.10 requirements, FEMA will revise the flood hazard and risk information for this area to reflect de-accreditation of the levee system. To mitigate flood risk in residual risk areas, property owners and residents are encouraged to consider flood insurance and flood proofing or other protective measures. For more information on flood insurance, interested parties should visit the FEMA Website at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm.

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We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Sally M. Ziolkowski
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
1111 Broadway Street, Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052
(510) 627-7175

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

This revision is effective as of the date of this letter. Any requests to review or alter this determination should be made within 30 days and must be based on scientific or technical data.

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